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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims according to the following listing of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making a flangeless seam by joining two members of a disposable article without a barrier member, the method comprising the steps of:
 - providing a first member of the disposable article;
 - ~~folding the first member of the disposable article providing opposing first proximal and first distal portions of the first member;~~
 - providing an electromagnetic field responsive member adjacent at least a portion of the first member;
 - providing a second member of the disposable article juxtaposed at least a portion of the first member to form a laminate including the first member, the second member and the electromagnetic field responsive member;
 - folding the first member of the disposable article about both the electromagnetic field responsive member and at least a portion of the second member providing opposing first proximal and first distal portions of the first member; and
 - applying an electromagnetic field across at least a portion of the laminate to heat the electromagnetic field responsive member to a temperature which joins at least a portion of the first member and at least a portion of the second member.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the electromagnetic field responsive member is integral with at least a portion of the second member.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) A method of making a flangeless seam by joining two members of a disposable article without a barrier member, the method comprising the steps of:
 - providing a first member of the disposable article;
 - folding the first member of the disposable article providing opposing first proximal and first distal portions of the first member;
 - providing an electromagnetic field responsive member disposed at least partially between the opposing first proximal and first distal portions of the first member;
 - providing a second member of the disposable article in a folded configuration juxtaposed at least a portion of the first member to form a laminate including the first member, the second member, and the electromagnetic field responsive member; ~~and~~

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applying an electromagnetic field across at least a portion of the laminate to heat the electromagnetic field responsive member to a temperature which joins at least a portion of the first member and at least a portion of the second member; and removing the electromagnetic field responsive member after the first member and the second member have been joined.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4 further comprising the step of pulling apart the first member and the second member to form the flangeless seam.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4 wherein the first member is folded before the electromagnetic field responsive member is interposed between the opposing first proximal and first distal portions.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the first member includes more than one fold.
9. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the electromagnetic field responsive member is integral with at least a portion of the first member.
10. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the first member is folded about both the electromagnetic field responsive member and at least a portion of the second member.
11. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the electromagnetic field responsive member includes a material selected from the following group: metallic foil, metallic screen or metallic powder.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Previously Presented) A method of making a flangeless seam by joining two members of a disposable article, the method comprising the steps of:
 - providing a first member of the disposable article;
 - providing an electromagnetic field responsive member adjacent at least a portion of the first member;
 - folding the first member of the disposable article about the electromagnetic field responsive member providing opposing first proximal and first distal portions of the first member, the

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- electromagnetic field responsive member being disposed at least partially between the opposing first proximal and first distal portions;
- providing a second member of the disposable article in a folded configuration having opposing second proximal and second distal portions, at least a portion of the second distal portion being juxtaposed at least a portion of the first member to form a laminate including the first member, the second member and the electromagnetic field responsive member;
- applying an electromagnetic field across at least a portion of the laminate to heat the electromagnetic field responsive member to a temperature which joins at least a portion of the first distal portion, the second distal portion and the second proximal portion, the electromagnetic field responsive member preventing the joining of the first proximal portion with the first distal portion; and
- pulling apart the first proximal portion and the first distal portion to form the flangeless seam.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13 further including the step of providing a secondary joining means across at least a portion of the laminate.
15. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein the secondary joining means includes an adhesive.
16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 14 wherein the electromagnetic field responsive member prevents the secondary joining means from joining the first proximal portion with the first distal portion.